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FOR HOLBROOKE AND GLEYSTEN FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, MARR, KS, US
SUBJECT: SCM SCHEDULE

1. KOREAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY HAS PROPOSED ORGANIZING LUNCHEON DURING SCM AS VEHICLE FOR SPEECH BY DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN. LUNCHEON WOULD PROVIDE PLATFORM FOR FURTHER PUBLIC REASSURANCE TO KOREANS ON AMERICAN COMMITMENT AS WELL AS FOR REITERATION OF STRONG US GLOBAL DEFENSE POSTURE, ABOUT WHICH KOREANS HAVE EXPRESSED IN RECENT MONTHS SOME DOUBTS.
 2. PROPOSAL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER, NOTING THAT SECRETARY BROWN'S VIEWS NOT YET SOLICITED. FONMIN WAS QUITE ENTHUSIASTIC, VISUALIZING SPEECH AS VEHICLE FOR FURTHER BUILDING UP CONFIDENCE OF KOREAN PUBLIC IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION.
 3. I DISCUSSED POSSIBLE SPEECH BY DEFENSE SECRETARY WITH ABRAMOWITZ DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE. IF YOU AGREE, WOULD HOPE YOU COULD SUGGEST POSSIBILITY TO SECRETARY BROWN WITH YOUR ENDORSEMENTS.
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